

# Davis Spins Perfecto for BMHS

## Baseball Crucials On Tap

The next five days will go a long way toward settling Bay, Pioneer and Sky league championships as far as three Torrance baseball squads are concerned.

North (Sky), South (Bay), and West (Pioneer) are on top of their respective leagues, but this week's action could send all three clubs plummeting from their lofty positions.

West will tangle with Lawndale on Tuesday and then meet co-leading Lennox on Thursday. North will host predictably strong Leuzinger Tuesday and meet the Sky League's surprise nine, Beverly Hills, in Thursday.

**SOUTH WILL** be in the least danger of the three schools, meeting Palos Verdes on Tuesday and Santa Monica Thursday.

In the meantime, Torrance High will attempt to regain its winning ways after dropping two Pioneer League decisions. The Tartars will host Aviation, the pre-season favorite, on Tuesday, and then travel to Lawndale Thursday.

West coach Max Lomas will start either Ron Sells or Dave LaRoche, both sophomores, on the mound against Lawndale and save Junior John Marsden for Lennox.

La Roche was impressive in a six inning stint against Torrance two weeks ago when he picked up his first varsity win for the Warriors.

Sells is a big, 200-pound, righthander who has been saddled by two non-league losses but is improving quickly.

**JIM O'BRIEN** at North has a whole handful of young chuckers to choose from. Before the year opened, O'Brien did not have a single pitcher with an inning of varsity experience. But, the youngsters have come through and freshman Daryl Masuyama or sophomores Ron Olguin or Jeff Osborne will probably open against Leuzinger.

South mentor Jerry McVaine has, along with Dale Walker at Torrance, the most experienced mound corps in the city. Either Dale St. John, Hay Allen or Ron Johnston, all seniors, will open on the hill. St. John flipped a five-hitter the past week in leading the Spartans over Morningside in the Hawthorne Easter Tournament.

**WALKER HAS** indicated he will go with either Les Dutcher or Bob Battaglia on Tuesday. Dutcher, a transfer from Narbonne High, has been unimpressive to date, but Battaglia set Thousand Oaks down on three hits Wednesday in the Thousand Oaks Tournament.

Bishop Montgomery, still flying high after Irl Davis' no-hitter against St. Bernards on Wednesday, will travel to Chadwick Tuesday for a non-league contest. John Wojcik or Tom Jamison will open on the mound.



**INSPECTION TOUR . . .** Supervisor Burton W. Chace, second from right, looks over site of the \$1,400,000 Los Verdes Golf Course which the County is building on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Opening target date is Nov. 1. Others in photo are (left to right) E. D. McPherson, general contractor; John Moulder, landscape contractor, Chace, and Norman Johnson, director of County Parks and Recreation Department.

## NO CHAMPION

### Spartans Part of Confusion In Hawthorne Tournament

Everything came up confused the past week for eight teams entered in the sixth annual Hawthorne Easter baseball tournament.

First was the rain, which delayed the tournament for two days, and then there was an 11-inning game between South High and Lawndale.

In the opening game of the tourney, South and Lawndale were deadlocked at 1-1 after 11 frames. The outcome will not be determined until Saturday, April 4, and until then, the two tourney finalists will remain unknown.

El Segundo finished 3-0 against Hawthorne, Lennox and Redondo and will battle for the championship April 4. But who will the Eagles meet? Morningside and Leuzinger both have 2-1 records. South has a 1-1 slate and a tie. A win over Lawndale would also give the Spartans a 2-1 mark and cause a three-way deadlock.

### Torrance Wins, Loses in Easter Tourney

Torrance High sizzled and faltered in the opening two games of the first annual Thousand Oaks baseball tournament the past week.

The Tartars opened the tourney with a 6-3 win over host Thousand Oaks and then dropped an 11-6 decision to Fillmore.

**BOB BATTAGLIA** turned in his finest effort of the year in the first game as he limited Thousand Oaks to four hits while striking out five and walking only two.

Battaglia had plenty of hitting support, primarily from Bill Crofton, Jeff Kruger and Larry Snyder. Torrance wound

up with 12 hits off 4 Thousand Oaks hurlers.

Eleven of the Tartar safeties came in the initial three innings as Torrance built up a 6-0 lead before relaxing.

Thousand Oaks managed to push one run over in the fourth and two more in the fifth off Battaglia.

In the second game, Fillmore earned three tallies in the opening frame and eight more in the third stanza off Mike Blankenship and Battaglia.

Blankenship was eventually charged with six runs. Fillmore's big third inning was accomplished on three walks, a hit batter, an error and four scratch singles.

Torrance was not the only squad to have its troubles. Defending CIF "A" division champ Santa Clara dropped its first two games and yesterday played for seventh place in the tourney. Torrance met Simi Valley yesterday for third place.

**SOUTH GRABBED** a 1-0 lead over Lawndale in the fourth frame as Paul Vojtecky sacrificed Larry Ropke across. Ropke had walked, stole second and advanced to third on a single by Phil Hertzog.

Lawndale countered in the seventh off reliever Ron Johnson to send the game into extra innings.

Dale St. John flipped a five-hitter against Morningside on Thursday and led South to a 2-0 win. St. John struck out 10 and allowed only three walks.

John Minech picked up a pair of hits and two RBIs for the Spartans.

In Thursday's second game, Leuzinger came up with six runs in the fifth frame to hang a 6-5 defeat on South.

South climbed into a 1-0 lead in the first frame on a home run by Phil Hertzog, and added another tally in the fifth to hold a 2-0 edge before Leuzinger exploded.

Even then, South almost came away a winner, scoring three runs in the final inning. Gregg Madden was tagged with his second straight loss after going 4 2/3 innings.

### Carson Thinclads To Host Jackson

Carson High cindermen will have their hands full this week against Jackson on Tuesday and powerful Jordan on Friday.

Tuesday's meet, at Carson, will be a non-league contest. The Colts will be attempting to bounce back from an 83-21 licking they received last week at the hands of Marine League powerhouse Banning.

Banning took all but one first place and romped to an 83-21 victory. Javier Jaramillo went the mile in 4:34 to break the Carson school record and give the Colts their only win of the afternoon.

Bill Fern earned a second in the low hurdles, Tom Whiteley finished second in the half mile, and Dennis Sena earned the second place slot in the quarter-mile for Carson.

Carson was also over its

head in the Bee and Cee divisions. Banning won the Bee meet, 67-28, and took a 59-27 victory in the Cee classification.

Top Bee performances for Carson were turned in by Ron Whitacre in the high jump, Dan Flores, Joe Bray and Zane Wadley and Bob Bowery in the 660-yard relay, Jack Schamblin in the pole vault and Fred Lang in the 1320.

Schamblin, Whitacre and the 660-yard relay were the only Bee wins Carson pulled out.

In the Cee division, Isrel Villasenor and Jim Hoopingarner finished first and second in the shot put, Al Padron and Dave Dominguez went two and four in the 1320. Gene Wright took a second in the pole vault and Ken Hunt a third in the high jump.



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## FRIDAY NIGHT

### Flat Track Cyclists Ready For Opening at Ascot Park

Sammy Tanner, Elliott Schultz, Al Gunter and the rest of the daredevil two-wheeled flat track broadsiders kickoff the 1964 American Motorcycle Assn. season Friday night on the half mile dirt oval at Ascot Park, Gardena.

Racing director J. C. Agajanian, whose AMA programs have become the Southland's most popular weekly motorized event, is starting his sixth year at Ascot, and again it will be a 32-week season highlighted by two Grand National championships.

The opening weekend will be a doublebarreled attraction at the 183rd and Vermont speed center with more than 150 riders going over the jumps Sunday afternoon in a TT steeplechase.

Racing Friday night starts at 8:30, qualifying at 7 with Sunday's daylight competition over the twist, turn and jump course at 2 p.m.

**TANNER**, Bellflower's mighty mite of the speedways who doesn't weigh 130 pounds with his glistening white leathers on, won the 1963 flat track divisional AMA title. Despite his record, the "Flying Flea" is certain to be hard pressed to repeat.

Many fans look for Schultz of South Gate, who set three

track records, including 22:44 for the half-mile late in 1963, to be the rider to beat. Ralph White, now of Los Angeles, has a host of backers among those in the know. Others say Gunter of Alhambra, twice national dirt track champion, will be the "Money Rider" of old while Neil Keen of Pasadena and Jack O'Brien of Santa Monica, both ex-champs, have their backers.

As for Agajanian, he isn't predicting, but says: "No one can predict the 1964 expert champion is this field. It could go 10 ways. We had our greatest amateur crop last year. Those riders are experts now. All I know is we'll have our finest competitive racing season since Ascot was built, and facilities are being improved and modernized. It will be a great racing year."

### Four-Day Grunion Run Gets Underway

The next round of Southern California's favorite outdoor guessing game, trying to pick the right spot on the right beach at the right time on the right night for a grunion run, will start tonight, the Department of Fish and Game observes.

Spawning runs lasting about an hour each are expected to begin at 10 p.m. today, 10:30 p.m. tomorrow, 11 p.m. Tuesday, and 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Grunion seekers may take the silvery little fish only on the first three nights of the run, the DFG emphasized. On Wednesday, April 1, the season on grunion closes and re-

mains closed through the months of April and May. These are peak spawning months for grunion and state law protects them as a conservation measure.

Open season on the elusive, smelt-like fish resumes in June, with the first four-night run of that month scheduled to begin on June 11.

Grunion may be taken on the beach or in the surf by hand only. No device of any kind may be used, and it is unlawful to dig holes in the sand to trap the fish. A sport-fishing license is required for persons 16 years of age and over.

## Knights Take Opener

Sophomore Irl Davis unleashed the first no-hit game of the Southland baseball season Wednesday afternoon as Bishop Montgomery opened its Camino Real League campaign with a 1-0 decision over St. Bernards.

Davis was in trouble with only one batter as he fanned six men and walked on'y three. A hard liner in the seventh inning almost cost Davis his perfecto but Tony Guggiana managed to knock the ball down and was charged with an error.

All told, three errors were charged to Montgomery.

**THE KNIGHTS** had displayed considerable difficulty in winning games prior to Wednesday's contest. Montgomery finished its pre-league campaign with a 1-3-1 mark, but Davis and Pete Maccarrone changed things.

Maccarrone, the Knights' second sacker, went 2 for 3 at the dish in his first shot as lead-off batter.

Montgomery pushed across the only run of the game in the fifth frame when Dennis Blackburn singled, stole second and came home on another single by Bill Bedsworth.

**THE RUN** left Ron Gallagher of St. Bernards saddled with the loss. Gallagher hurled the opening five frames and gave up five hits and one run while fanning five and walking one.

Two games are on tap for Montgomery this week. On Tuesday, the Knights will travel to Chadwick for a non-league contest, and on Friday, they will resume circuit play against Pater Noster.

Davis will probably work only in relieve the next week with John Wojcik and Tom Jamison the probable starters against Chadwick and St. Bernards.

## FENCING-FAMILY STYLE

### Youths Could Challenge Dad



Fencing is a family thing for the four members of the John Kriens clan at 18808 Doty Ave.

Father John, who moved his family to the United States from the Netherlands 10 years ago, is a past master of the art. His wife, Hilde, is an avid spectator. But, the best is yet to come.

Yvonne, 15, and Ron, 14, may prove to be the best of the Kriens fencers. Both were recently selected for the Junior Olympic fencing team following competition at UCLA.

**THE JUNIOR** Olympic team is primarily for the development and training of promising fencers according to John. Not until next year in San Francisco will Yvonne and Ron actually fence as a team with the Junior Olympic squad, and then a trip to the East Coast will hang in the balance.

Their father's interest in fencing prompted Ron and Yvonne into the historical sport. A Torrance Recreation Department class at North High gave the two youths their first taste, 3½ years ago.

Since then, under the tutelage of Lyle "Jeep" LaMont and Albert Couturier, the two have become two of Southern California's finest young fencers. The UCLA competition was the climax. Yvonne tied for third and Ron took a fifth.

Ron, who is a HERALD carrier boy, will fence in competition at Leuzinger High on April 3.

**FENCING** is primarily a European sport. In the United States, there are only 4,000 fencers, while tiny Holland, with a population of 8 million, has 8,000 fencers.

The sport is slowly gaining favor in the United States, and today, John estimates there are approximately 40 fencers in Torrance and 25 more in Gardena.

Classes such as those taught by the Torrance Recreation Department are slowly bringing recognition to fencing. And the classes are fruitful. Yvonne and Ron are examples.

**FAMILY DUEL . . .** Ron Kriens, 14, and his sister Yvonne, 15, were recently selected for the Junior Olympic fencing team following competition at UCLA. Their father's interest in the sport transferred to the two youths and they began fencing 3½ years ago in Torrance Recreation Department classes. (Herald Photo)



**TOUGH JOB . . .** Bull riding, considered the most dangerous of rodeo occupations, will highlight the Pacific Indoor Rodeo in the Long Beach Arena, April 2-5. Entries for the Long Beach rodeo should near the 200 mark this year.